

**Subject:** EV Mandate Comments

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**From:** Roderick\_Gillespie

**To:** HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources)

Dear Sir/ Ms.,

Please read and consider my comments below about the EV Mandate:

Delaware should not follow the disastorous path that California and other Liberal controlled States have chosen by decreeing EVs to be the only new vehicle type to be sold after 2030. Due to the very high costs of EVs, few people, except the fairly affluent, will be able to afford them. The net result of this will be that normal, middle class working people will not be able to afford to buy new cars. What will the automobile dealerships do if this happens? Some will go bankrupt! And the mechanics, administrative staff, and even workers in related industries such as automobile parts suppliers will be put out of work. The automobile industry has evolved in a natural progression, and has produced internal combustion engines that are now very efficient and produce few pollutants, and conventional automobiles are sold at a reasonable price. EVs offer no great advantage, consuming huge amounts of energy for the mining of lithium and production of battery components. There is, of course, also the great question of how to dispose of spent batteries from the EVs and the cost of replacement batteries which may be in the tens of thousands of dollars. Please consider recommending that EVs only be considered as an option (perhaps with small economic or tax deduction incentives) until EV technology is perfected or proven more practical.

Thank you for your attention to this letter. Please call or email if you have questions about it.

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